



**Department of Corrections**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN**

**Subject: PRE- AND POST- TEST  
COUNSELING FOR INMATES  
UNDERGOING HIV TESTING**

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This Administrative Bulletin outlines departmental policy regarding pre- and post-test counseling for inmates undergoing Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing.

The Chief Medical Officer shall provide, or make provisions for (e.g., via staff who have successfully completed HIV Antibody counselor Training), face-to-face counseling to all inmates undergoing HIV Antibody Testing, without exception. Counseling sessions shall be provided at specific intervals in the conformation of HIV pre-test counseling, HIV post-test counseling (regardless of the test result outcome), and ancillary counseling if requested by the inmate. All efforts shall be made by the person providing the counseling to ensure time is provided after both the pre- and post-test counseling sessions to the inmate to answer questions or provide additional information.

HIV antibody counseling shall be in accordance with "Pre- and Post-Test Counseling for Inmates Undergoing HIV Antibody Testing," Office of Health Care Services, December 1990, which was sent to all institutions.

Please inform all persons concerned of the contents of this bulletin which shall remain in effect until it is incorporated into the appropriate section of the Department Operations Manual.

Any questions about Pre- and Post-Test Counseling should be directed to Nadim Khoury, M.D., Assistant Deputy Director, Office of Health Care Services, at ATSS 454-0876 or (916) 324-0876.

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